Providing of Maruti Gypsy to Navodaya Vidyalaya, Alirajpur (MP)

623. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Maruti Gypsy was provided for use of Navodaya Vidyalaya, Alirajpur (M.P);

(b) if so, whether this vehicle has been loaned/transferred/allotted for use to the SDM, Alirajpur, for some weeks past;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this vehicle while being used by the said SDM caused accident in Ranapur and the local police under undue influence did not lodge any complaint about it; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the accused in this regard by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti's Regional/Delhi Office?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that a Maruti Gypsy jeep has been provided for use to the Navodaya Vidyalaya, Alirajpur, District Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh. This vehicle has temporarily been exchanged with the official vehicle of the SDM, Alirajpur who is also the Chairman of the Vidyalaya Management Committee.

(c) and (d) No such report about the accident has been received in the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and therefore the question of taking any action in the matter by the Samiti does not arise.

Hailing of Nagas from Borneo and Somotra

624. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagas originally came to India from Borneo and Somotra as reported in the Times of India, dated the 10th October, 1988; and

(b) whether any studies/research has been made in this historical fact; if not, whether this would be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) (a) One of the theories of immigration of Indo-Mangoloid people including Nagas in India is that they came from South-East Asia.

(b) Government have not made any studies research in this behalf, nor is there any proposal to do so. The subject is of academic interest and it is for scholars to look out

Violation of Central Government Rules by I.C.C.R.

625. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the permanent employees of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) selected for promotion are required to agree to a contract, which is in violation of the Central Government rules and regulations and terms and conditions of permanent Government employees;

(b) if so, whether the Department of Personnel has approved of such a move; and

(c) what is the actual position as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Termination of services of Indian Employees working of Foreign Embassies

626. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian employees working in Foreign Embassies in India are facing arbitrary termination of services without due compensation;

(b) whether Government have received complaints in this regard from employees of the Lebanese Embassy; and

(c) whether Government have brought to the notice of Embassies recently the Model Contract regulations as suggested in 1975 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

Complaints have been received from Indian employees of some Embassies.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Model Contract circulated to foreign missions in 1975 has now been revised in consultation with all concerned authorities and the revised version is being brought to the notice of foreign missions.

Suspension of Junior Staff in N. R.

627. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some junior workers were suspended by the E.F.O. (Power), Northern Railway, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi during the last two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these workers were re-instated as the charges framed by the E.F.O. (Power) against them proved to be wrong; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the E.F.O. (Power) for suspending the workers without any enquiry and whether the pay and allowances of the workers for the period of suspension have been paid; if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bills Misplaced by the EFOs in Northern Railways

628. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of bills submitted by small contractors have been misplaced by the E.F.Os. (Power), Northern Railway, Rail Bhawan and E.F.O. (Power), Central Hospital, Northern Railways during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the total number of bills misplaced by the officers of EFOs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no procedure is followed for recording of bills in the Bills/Diary Registers; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against these officers for not recording the bills in the Bills and Diary Registers and the number of bills lying unpaid in these officers as on 31st October, 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Only one bill under the jurisdiction of SEFO (Power) Central Hospital, has been misplaced.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise. Two bills are lying unpaid on account of unsatisfactory repair work carried out by one contractor.

Narrow Bridges on National Highways

629. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Statewise figure of total number of narrow bridges on National Highways; and

(b) by when all these bridges are likely to be widened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a)